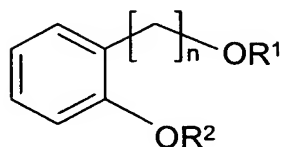


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) Use of a compound having formula (I)

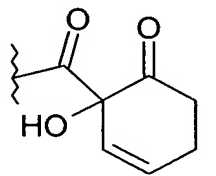


(I)

wherein:

$n = 1-10$,

R^1 is selected from the group ~~comprising~~: consisting of H, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{14} alkyl, branched or unbranched C_2 - C_{14} alkenyl, branched or unbranched C_2 - C_{14} alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl alkyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted monosaccharide, SO_3H , SO_3Na ,



$(CH_2)_{1-10}OH$, COR , $SiRR'R''$, PO_3HNa , PO_3Na_2 and

wherein R , R' , R'' are mutually independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~: consisting of H, C_1 - C_{14} alkyl, C_2 - C_{14} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{14} alkynyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl and heterocyclic ring,

and

R^2 is an enzymatically cleavable substituent or is selected from the group ~~comprising:~~
consisting of H, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{14} alkyl, branched or unbranched C_2 - C_{14}
alkenyl, branched or unbranched C_2 - C_{14} alkynyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted
and unsubstituted phenyl or substituted or unsubstituted aryl alkyl

for the lightening of skin and/or hair.

2. (Currently amended) Use according to claim 1, wherein for the compound having
formula (I):

R^2 is selected from the group of enzymatically cleavable substituents comprising:
 SO_3H , SO_3Na , $(CH_2)_{1-10}OH$, COR , PO_3HNa and PO_3Na_2 ,

wherein R, R' are mutually independently selected from the group ~~comprising:~~
consisting of H, C_1 - C_{14} alkyl, C_2 - C_{14} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{14} alkynyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl,
substituted or unsubstituted phenyl and heterocyclic ring.

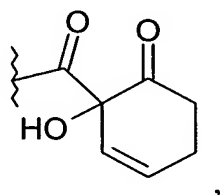
3. (Original) Use according to claim 1, wherein in formula (I):

R^2 is selected from the group of enzymatically cleavable, substituted or unsubstituted
monosaccharides, comprising: glucose, mannose or galactose.

4. (Currently amended) Use according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein in formula (I):

$$n = 1-4,$$

R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~: consisting of H, branched or unbranched C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted monosaccharide, (CH₂)₁₋₁₀OH, COR, SR,

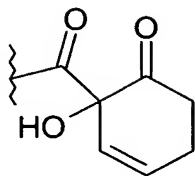


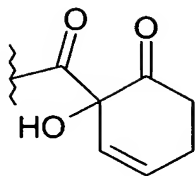
wherein R, R' are mutually independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~: consisting of H and C₁-C₁₄ alkyl.

5. (Currently amended) Use according to claim 1, wherein in formula (I):

$$n = 1-4,$$

R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~: consisting of H, branched or unbranched C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, branched and unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted monosaccharide, (CH₂)₁₋₁₀OH, COR, SR,



$\text{PO}_3\text{RR}'$ and , wherein R, R' are mutually independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of H and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{14}$ alkyl,

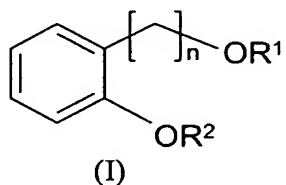
and

R^2 is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of H, branched or unbranched $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{14}$ alkyl, branched or unbranched $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{14}$ alkenyl, branched or unbranched $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{14}$ alkynyl and substituted or unsubstituted phenyl.

6. (Original) Use of saligenin, fragilin, populin, tremuloidin, salicortin, 2-O-acetyl salicortin or tremulacin for the lightening of skin and/or hair.

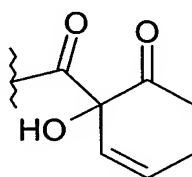
7. (Original) Use of salicin for the lightening of skin and/or hair.

8. (Currently amended) Cosmetic or therapeutic formulation containing an amount having a lightening effect on skin and/or hair of the compound having formula (I)



wherein: $n = 1-10$,

R^1 is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of H, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{14} alkyl, branched or unbranched C_2 - C_{14} alkenyl, branched or unbranched C_2 - C_{14} alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl alkyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted monosaccharide, SO_3H , SO_3Na , $(CH_2)_{1-10}OH$, COR,



$SiRR'R''$, PO_3HNa , PO_3Na_2 and

wherein R, R' , R'' are mutually independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of H, C_1 - C_{14} alkyl, C_2 - C_{14} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{14} alkynyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl and heterocyclic ring,

and

R^2 is an enzymatically cleavable substituent or is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of H, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{14} alkyl, branched or unbranched C_2 - C_{14} alkenyl, branched or unbranched C_2 - C_{14} alkynyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted and unsubstituted phenyl or substituted ~~or~~ and unsubstituted aryl alkyl

for the lightening of skin and/or hair.

9. (Original) Cosmetic or therapeutic formulation containing an amount having a lightening effect on skin and/or hair of saligenin, salicin, fragilin, populin, tremuloidin, salicortin, 2-O-acetyl salicortin or tremulacin.